

SPECIFICATION

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FIELD

The invention relates in general to valves for sanitary applications, in which the fluid to be shut off must not be contaminated.

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BACKGROUND SECTION

These applications are, in particular, those in the chemical, pharmaceutical and food fields wherein liquid or gaseous fluids circulating in the systems often must have controlled characteristics of sterility, purity, etc., which in any case should not be altered by passage through the valves.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following heading on page 5 of the specification at line 11, prior to the description of the embodiments of the invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF VARIOUS EMBODIMENTS